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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action, dated September 2, 2003. A telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner and the Supervisory Examiner on November 19, 2003. A statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action is presented in this paper as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.133(b). No amendments are proposed with this response. All remarks herein are made without prejudice.

REMARKS

This is a timely response to the non-final Office Action of September 2, 2003. The Applicant requests reconsideration and reexamination of the application based upon the comments set forth below.

Telephone Interview

A telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner, Examiner Menefee and the Supervisory Examiner, Examiner Ip, on November 19, 2003 at the initiation of the Applicant.